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BANGKOK FOR USIS PRESS OFFICER

E.O. 11652: N/A
SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF FINNISH JOURNALIST

1. POST HAS BEEN ADVISED BY FINNISH JOURNALIST RAULI VIRTANEN OF SUOMEN KUVALEHTI WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE THAT HE PLANS TRAVEL TO SOUTHEAST ASIA DURING PERIOD MARCH 31 - APRIL 10. HE PLANS TO ARRIVE BANGKOK ON THE 4TH OR 5TH OF APRIL FROM SOUTH THAILAND. VIRTANEN HAS REQUESTED POST ARRANGE BACKGROUND BRIEFING FOR HIM BNDD OFFICE AT EMBASSY BANGKOK. HE PLANS TRAVEL TO NORTHERN THAILAND TO DO STORY ON OPIUM TRAFFIC THAT AREA.

2. FYI-SUOMEN KUVALEHTI IS FINLAND'S OLDEST AND MOST PRESTIGEOUS WEEKLY MAGAZINE. VIRTANEN IS WELL-KNOWN TO THE POST AND IS CHIEF OF MAGAZINE'S FOREIGN NEW SECTION. HE IS WELL-TRAVELED AND WELL-RESPECTED JOURNALIST. VIRTANEN IS 29 YEARS OLD AND SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. END FYI.

3. POST WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY PRIORITY CABLE
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NAME OF CONTACT TO ASSIST VIRTANEN IN BANGKOK AND WHATEVER ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE YOU FEEL WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR HIM PRIOR DEPARTURE FROM FINLAND.
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